

COVID-19 ECONOMIC RELIEF FUND OPPORTUNITIES

There is economic relief available for fishermen who have been adversely impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency. Programs are subject to change as new legislation is approved; refer to the date in the upper right corner for the most current version. Listed below are highlights, links and contact information for the available funding sources.

| Type | Federal - SBA Loan | Federal - SBA Loan | State - Grant | State - Grant | Community-Grant |
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| Program | PayCheck Protection Program (PPP) | Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) | AK CARES Grant Program | NOAA CARES Act | Local CARES Grant |
| Description | Loan designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses to keep their workers on the payroll | Loan designed to provide economic relief to businesses that are currently experiencing a temporary loss of revenue | Grant program to provide economic relief to small Alaskan businesses impacted by the COVID-19 public health emergency | Pending | Pending |
| Application Deadline | 08/08/2020 | 12/31/2020 | 11/15/2020 or cap is reached, whichever is earlier | | |
| Application | Online; email address and SSN or TIN required | Online; email address and SSN or TIN required | Online; email address and SSN or TIN required; <i>paper application now available but severely slows approval process</i> | | |
| Eligibility | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operational on 02/15/2020 Small businesses, sole proprietors, independent contractors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operational on 01/31/2020 Small businesses, sole proprietors, independent contractors | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operational on 03/11/2020 Small businesses and sole proprietors with 50 or fewer employees Based, licensed and located in Alaska Commercial fishermen (see criteria below)* | ADFG is working on a plan to distribute the funds between processors, fishermen, charter operators, subsistence fishermen and the mariculture sector. | |
| Dollar Amount | 2.5 times average payroll costs; cap of \$100,000 per employee/owner | up to \$2 million | \$5,000 - \$100,000 | | |
| Fund Processor | Check with your local lender or view Alaska lender list at: | Small Business Administration (SBA) | Beginning August 6th: Alaska Industrial Development & Export Authority (AIDEA) | Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC) | |

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| | https://drive.google.com/file/d/11KPTW4uR_fZQl0G1-NvzGX3gynGsVn5Q/view | | | | |
| Fund Use | Payroll costs, mortgage interest payments, rent, utilities and interest on debt incurred during period | Wide array of working capital and normal operating expenses, not to include expenses paid under PPP if concurrently held | Payroll, rent, utilities, PPE, business related equipment and loan payments, applicable expenses incurred during eligible timeframe; not to include expenses paid under PPP or EIDL if concurrently held | | |
| Terms | Unforgiven funds – 1.0% interest rate; maturity of five years; first payment deferred 6 months | 3.75% interest; maturity of thirty years; first payment deferred 12 months | Funds must be spent on eligible costs by 12/30/2020 | | |
| Fund Use Period | Use begins the date the funds are disbursed and covers the following 24 weeks | No timeframe; funds must be used for eligible expenses | Eligible expenses** incurred between March 11, 2020 through eight weeks after submission of application | | |
| Personal Guarantee | No | Guarantee waived up to \$200,000 | No | | |
| Loan Fees | No | No | No | | |
| Loan Forgiveness | Partial to full; based on amount used for payroll (crew/self); full forgiveness with 60% used for payroll and remaining 40% used for specific expenses (interest, utilities, etc.) | Partial; if advance of up to \$10,000 is received (\$1,000 per employee); EIDL advance will decrease amount of PPP forgiveness; advance funds currently discontinued | Full | Partial to full; based on 2020 proceeds + grant funds compared to five year average | |
| Supporting Documentation | Copy of driver’s license, 2019 Schedule C (pages 1-2) or K-1, 2019 Forms 1099-MISC, evidence of operation on 02/15/2020, | Documents may be requested at time of approval | Limited Entry or Interim Use Permit, embossed gear card, copy of state ID, voided check; 2019 Schedule C (pages 1-2); official bank/credit card statement (no screen shots); | | |

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| | method of loan amount calculation | | business related expense documentation - invoice, purchase order, lease agreement, loan statement, estimates, utility bills, written expenses, etc. | | |
| Links | https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/paycheck-protection-program | https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/economic-injury-disaster-loans | https://www.commerce.alaska.gov/web/ded/AKCARESGrant.aspx Checklist, sample application and video available | http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/static/home/newsthottopics/pdfs/caresact_guidance_062420.pdf | |
| Contact | Check with your local lender or view Alaska lender list at: https://drive.google.com/file/d/11KPTW4uR_fZQlOG1-NvzGX3gynGsVn5Q/view | SBA: 800-659-2955 Alaska District Office: 907-271-4022; https://www.sba.gov/offices/district/ak/anchorage | AIDEA: 907-771-3019 or grants@akcaresonline.org ; | Kari Winkel, Office Manager ADFG: 907-465-6136; dfg.com.caresact@alaska.gov | |
| Notes | Proposed legislation to modify program is pending legislation approval | Advance funds have been depleted; may be replenished with new legislation | On 08/27/2020 the program was expanded to secondary businesses and businesses that received PPP or EIDL funds | \$50 million in CARES Act funds has been allocated to Alaska, 2% allowed for administration | |
| Other Resources | BBEDC www.bbedc.com admin@bbedc.com 907-842-4370 | BBNA www.bbna.com kandrew@bbna.com 907-842-6223 | Sea Grant Fish Biz www.fishbiz.seagrant.uaf.edu gabe.dunham@alaska.edu 907-842-8321 | BBRSDA www.bbrsda.com/covid19 info@bbrsda.com 907-677-2374 | SWAMC www.swamc.org forward@swamc.org 907-242-4077 |

***Per the AK CARES website, beginning August 6, 2020 commercial fishermen impacted by COVID-19 who held and fished a Limited Entry Permit or Interim Use Permit issued by the Commercial Fisheries Entry Commissioner (CFEC) and meet the following criteria are eligible:**

- Held a CFEC permit in 2019 and 2020, including an embossed gear card, and participated in an open fishery that produced income in 2019.
 - Exception: Card Holders who purchased a Limited Entry Permit for the first time in 2020 and crewed in Alaska in 2019 are eligible.
 - Exception: Card holders who emergency transferred their permit in 2019 and actively fished in 2020 or actively fished in 2019 and emergency transferred their permit in 2020 are eligible.
 - Exception: The temporary permit holder who held Limited Entry Permit(s) by emergency transfer are eligible.
- Fishermen who engage primarily in Alaskan fisheries.
- Fishermen with, on average, 50 or fewer full-time equivalent employees.

- Program updated (08/27/2020): secondary businesses now eligible
- Program updated (08/27/2020): businesses that received PPP or EIDL funds are now eligible

The following are **NOT** eligible to apply.

- Crew members
- Permit holders who did not actively fish in 2019.
- Permit holders that did not renew their permit and did not receive a gear card for 2020.
- Permit holders who hold a permit for a fishery that was closed in 2019 and 2020.
- Permit holders that emergency transferred their permit and did not actively fish themselves in 2019 and 2020.

****AK CARES Eligible Expense and Application Tips**

- Applications are processed *First Come – First serve*, apply early to avoid missing out.
- Review the AK CARES Informational Sheet and Checklist, application preview and video **OR** request the Guide for Fishermen and Sample Fisherman Application from BBEDC before beginning the application.
- The application is not savable and must be completed in one session.
- A copy of your state ID, CFEC permit and a voided check is needed as supporting documentation.
- Scan all documents to create digital files in advance.
- The more organized the supporting documentation, the easier it is for the processor to verify expenses and the quicker it is for the grant to be approved and funds received. Highlighting eligible expenses/amount is highly recommended.
- Only business expenses are applicable.
- Full expense amount should be listed; processor will adjust (annualize) applicable expenses.
- The minimum grant amount is \$5,000 while the maximum grant is \$100,000; application expense total can exceed the maximum grant amount but will not be approved for more than the maximum amount.
- The 2019 Schedule C can be used to report crew shares and owner's profit (captain's wages); both should be entered under the "*payroll*" category.
 - Crew shares and profits will be prorated for the allowable period (March 11, 2020 through eight weeks following the application date)
- Fishing loans and lease payments are eligible and should be entered under the "*rent or mortgage*" category; payments will be prorated
- Most 2020 seasonal fishing expenses will be entered under the "*short-term debt*" category
- **Non-eligible fishing expenses:**
 - Fish company advances
 - Insurance premiums
 - Government revenue replacement: property tax, income tax, government fees (example: CFEC fees)
 - Business expense claimed or paid by other CARES assistance programs
- If both spouses own a permit, each should apply separately.
- Standard tax rules apply to funds received.